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<u>UTILITY PATENT</u> <u>APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER</u>

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Sir:

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Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) <u>Kenneth W. Shirriff</u>, entitled <u>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISHING A QUORUM FOR A GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED CLUSTER OF COMPUTERS.</u>

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		[] a separate document [] the declaration;						
	[]	a certified copy of the priority document;						
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	[X]	a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s);						
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